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GOI continues to ban imports of Poultry and Pork products

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Report Highlights:

On August 6, 2004, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Agriculture, issued a Gazette announcement prohibiting imports of various poultry and pork products from all countries, and other poultry and pork products from those countries reporting the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction:

This report summarizes the GOI's recent announcement that bans imports of various poultry and pork products from all countries, and other poultry and pork products from countries reporting the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final.

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** August 6, 2004
- **Effective Date:** August 6, 2004

Products Affected: Poultry, Pig, Poultry and Pork Meat Products.

Agency in Charge:

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI.

Proposed Changes:

A) Per order number S.O. No. 899 (E), the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Agriculture, GOI hereby prohibits with effect from the date of publication of this notification import into India from all countries in view of the reported outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) the following livestock and livestock products, namely:

- 1) domestic and wild birds including the captive birds;
- 2) live pig and pig meat products (except processed pig meat products);
- 3) meat and meat products of avian species including wild birds (except processed poultry meat and poultry meat products);
- 4) semen of domestic and wild birds;
- 5) products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use.

B) Further, the central government hereby prohibits also the import into India from the countries reporting the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) the following livestock and livestock products, namely:

- 1) day old chicks, ducks, turkey, and other newly hatched avian species;
- 2) hatching eggs;
- 3) eggs and egg products;
- 4) meat and meat products from avian species including wild birds (including processed poultry meat products);
- 5) feathers;
- 6) pig meat products (including processed pig meat products);
- 7) pathological material and biological products from birds.

C) This prohibition shall be in force for a period of six months from the date of publication of this announcement or till such time it is modified or withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

Post Comments:

The import prohibition of products listed in paragraph A appears to violate OIE guidelines.

The import prohibition of products mentioned in paragraph B, excluding pig meat and feathers, appears consistent with OIE guidelines.

Furthermore, the ban on imports of products listed in paragraph B will be lifted provided the country reports itself HPAI free to the OIE.

This notification can be downloaded from the official website of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying at <http://dahd.nic.in/flu/notice%20aug06.htm>.

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